

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 15, 2004 containing a restriction requirement. Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Claims 1-48 (Examiner's Group I). Applicants have withdrawn Claims 49-55 without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite the issuance of a patent from this Application, and does not reflect agreement or acquiescence to the Examiner's conclusions reflected in the Office Action.

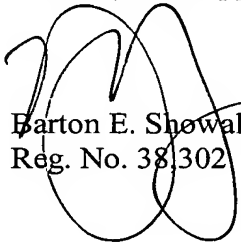
Conclusions

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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